

## **Don't Invite A Bite**

**Hundreds of dog bites are reported each year in Columbus and Worthington. Many of these result in serious injuries to children. Help prevent dog bites to you and your neighbors by following these tips:**

**If you own a dog, keep it securely confined on your property so it can't escape.**

- **If your dog is off your property, have it on a leash at all times.**
- **If you encounter a strange dog, do not run! A dog's natural instinct is to chase and catch prey.**
- **If you run, you are encouraging the dog to chase you.**
- **If a strange dog approaches you, don't scream. Avoid direct eye contact with the dog. Try and remain motionless until the dog leaves, then back away slowly until the dog is out of sight.**